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The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—“ The answer to the first part of the question as to what are the special features of the work, if any, which may be considered an improvement on the old order of things has been given. The principal advantages are clearly stated in the answer. As to the further question as to whether irregularities and losses have actually been discovered under the new system I am afraid I must ask for notice.”

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ I am afraid the hon. the Finance Member does not catch me. I was asking the figures for the last three years to show the improvements effected, and the special features of the new system ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ They are given in the answer to clause (b). ”

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—“ If it is a question regarding the principles on which the specialization was thought necessary, the answer would be sufficient. But as it is a question of improvements on the old system, I expected a more detailed answer. Now, if he wants notice I am agreeable.”

Local Boards

Bifurcation of the Kistna District Board.

* 125 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there were any proposals to bifurcate the present Kistna District Board ; and

(b) if so, when the bifurcation is going to be effected ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—“ The proposals for bifurcation have been pending for the last two years. May I know what the matters are that are under further consideration and prevent the bifurcation being given effect to at once ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ The Government have now finally decided to bifurcate the Kistna district.”

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—“ May I know the probable date on which effect will be given to it ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ It is very likely that it may take effect on 1st April 1927.”

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—“ The present District Board has got several funds in the shape of railway cess, etc. When the board is bifurcated, these should be divided between the two boards. Now, the president of the board has been spending large sums out of that sum. He has already spent nearly 3 or 4 lakhs and the lion's share of it is going to one part of the district only.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ That question does not arise out of the answer given.”

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—“ I am putting a separate question. ”

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The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ Is the question connected with the answer given ? ”

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—“ May I know whether the Government have framed any scheme determining the number of members for each taluk board ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ We have not yet definitely decided those things. ”

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—“ May I know whether the Government are aware that in March contracts for roads and tolls will be given and, if so, whether they will be pleased to issue orders prohibiting such things till the bifurcation is effected ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I am afraid these things have to take their natural course and cannot be stopped. ”

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—“ May I know whether the hon. Minister has been corresponding with the Collector with regard to the names of persons to be nominated ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I want notice. ”

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—“ Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state why those matters were delayed so long ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ I am sure the hon. Gentleman is aware that I have been in charge of the department only for the last two months. That being the case, I think he will agree with me that I have taken the matter in hand in an expeditious manner. ”

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—“ May I know whether any names have been suggested by the Government ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ The question does not arise. ”

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—“ May I know whether the President will be nominated or elected ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ That question does not arise. ”

Nominations to taluk boards in West Godavari district.

* 126 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the administration of four out of five taluk boards in West Godavari district was being carried on by only four nominated members in each board for the last one year and, if so, the reasons therefor ;

(b) why the Government have omitted the names of most of the elected members in nominating members for the taluk boards which are newly constituted as per Notification No. 1428 (published on page 520 of Part I-A of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 21st December 1926) ;

(c) why the Government have nominated as members of the said taluk boards persons who were defeated in the elections in preference to the sitting elected members ;

(d) why the Government have nominated for the said boards two or more persons from the same village overlooking the claims of several circles without any representation ;